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In recent testimony I heard the assimilation of a Personal Trainer and supplements, the harm that one individual caused their client, hardly a basis to compare the many thousands of highly trained individuals in this state that would never be guilty of harming a client, in the way in which it was described.

I also heard the outcry that the reason for bill PA333 was to protect the public. Public safety seems to be a key word used to qualify the elimination of anyone other than a registered dietician from even discussing a better nutrition plan with a client.

Now we all know and read about the many diseases plaguing our nation, diseases that are killing and maiming babies, children, adolescents, middle aged, and seniors. Many are caused by the overloads of sugar, salt, dangerous fats, and hundreds of chemicals, compounds, and elements we cannot pronounce.

The Registered Dietician group in Michigan accepts financial aid from sponsors for some of their programs, from the giant manufacturers that target at a young age, and produce thousands of dangerous products.

I consider this a very big "public safety" issue.

I think this venue needs oversight in and of itself.

I consider most Dieticians expert in their field, but not infallible.

We need them, and most are in a medical setting, alongside our doctors and nurses.

By the time you get to them, you have a problem, so they use corrective measures to get results. That may never change for people that choose to consume poor quality foods.

Professionals like us may be a threat, because we get results for our clients, and we care about them.

We practice prevention, by education.

We choose to work alongside the medical industry, not against them.

Our clients have no place to go, the very reason our industry was born.

Registered Dieticians should have a right to protect their titles, but not at the expense of the general public.

I consider PA333 an exaggerated form of over-regulation.